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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4158

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SINGAPORE POSITION ON KOREAN ITEM IN THE U.N.

REF: A. SINGAPORE 3999, B. MANILA 13489

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM SEPTEMBER  
2, I REFERRED TO DCM'S CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY PERM SEC TAN  
BOON SENG AUGUST 19 ON KOREAN ITEM AND WONDERED IF GOS HAD  
CONSIDERED THE MATTER AND MIGHT SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO COSPONSOR-  
SHIP.

2. RAJARATNAM SAID THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAD CONSULTED  
ON THIS MATTER IN NEW YORK, AND THEIR JOINT POSITION HAD BEEN  
EXPRESSED TO MEETING OF CORE GROUP BY PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVE;  
NAMESLY, TO AVOID IDENTIFYING ASEAN WITH FRIENDLY  
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RESOLUTION SO AS TO RETAIN MAXIMUM ABILITY TO INFLUENCE COURSE

OF EVENTS. ACCORDING TO RAJARATNAM, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT ASEAN COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ALONG LINES OF THAT CONSIDERED LAST YEAR MAY BE SUBMITTED AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA SESSION, AND ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD WANT TO BE ABLE TO BRING THEIR FULL PRESSURE TO BEAR ON BEHALF OF THIS COMPROMISE.

3. I WENT BRIEFLY OVER MAIN POINTS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WITH RAJARATNAM, NOTING THAT ITS APPROACH DID NOT DIFFER BASICALLY FROM WHAT I UNDERSTOOD WAS GOS POSITION, E.G. THE TWO SIDES IN KOREA SHOULD WORK OUT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM ON BASIS OF DIRECT NEGOTIATION. I ALSO POINTED OUT KEY ROLE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED IN FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. RAJARATNAM TOOK THE POINT, BUT AGAIN REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF ASEAN COMPROMISE.

4. ON SCORE OF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, RAJARATNAM INDICATED THAT GOS WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT THIS YEAR'S NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WAS EVEN STRONGER THAN LAST YEAR'S, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR GOS TO VOTE "NO".

5. COMMENT: RAJARATNAM'S REMARKS APPEAR TO COINCIDE WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL B, ALTHOUGH HE EVIDENTLY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT FROM MANILA PRE-UNGA ASEAN MEETING. THIS IS MOST TANGIBLE WORD WE HAVE HEARD CONCERNING REVIVAL OF ASEAN COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. CONCEIVABLE THAT THIS IS AMONG VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED BY ASEAN COUNTRIES BUT THE ONE PARTICULARLY FAVORED BY SINGAPORE AS CREATOR OF THE IDEA LAST YEAR. HOLDRIDGE

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